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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER TALKS (CAT)

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- 1. ON JUNE 27, MFA FIRST SEC. KUZNETSOV PHONED HAMBOFF AND ASKED THAT FOLLOWING COMMENTS BY AMB. MENDELEVICH IN RESPONSE TO REF A MESSAGE BE PASSED TO GELB. AMB. MENDELEVICH:
- -- SAID THAT EVERYTHING IS AGREED UPON SO FAR;
- -- THANKED THE EMBASSY FOR ITS PROMPT COMMUNICATION;
- -- SENT GREETINGS TO GELB AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE TO SEE GELB SOON IN HELSINKI.
- 2. COMMENT: KUZNETSOV DID NOT SEEM WILLING TO GO FURTHER THAN SIMPLY REPEATING MENDELEVICH'S BRIEF COMMENTS. HE DID NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL WORKING GROUP. CONFIDENTIAL.

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SINCE STRONG STATEMENT OF GELB'S UNDERSTANDING OF THIS MATTER HAS BEEN PUT ON RECORD IN REF A MESSAGE, MENDELEVICH'S FIRST POINT, THAT "EVERYTHING IS AGREED UPON SO FAR," PRESUMABLY INDICATES HIS ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. POSITION. HOWEVER SUFFICIENT AMBIGUITY REMAINS TO PERMIT HIS RAISING THE ISSUE AT THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MEETING ON JULY 17 SHOULD HE CHOOSE

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